(a) whether Government are aware of the poor rail communication facilities in the southern districts of Orissa particularly in undivided Koraput, Ganjam and Phulabani districts;

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide adequate rail communication facilities to those tribal areas;

(c) whether there is a proposal to provide rail link between Raipur of Madhya Pradesh and Jeypore of Orissa via Ummerkot and Nawarangpur; and

(d) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following lines are in progress which on completion will improve the rail communication facilities in the southern districts of Orissa:—

	(Kms.)
(i) Koraput-Rayyagada .	164
(ii) Talcher-Sambalpur .	172
(iii) Lanjigarh Rd.-Junagarh	54
(iv) Daitari-Banspani . .	147
(v) Khurda Rd.-Bolangir .	289

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Plan to man unmanned level crossings

2412. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have now drawn up scheme to man the unmanned level crossings throughout the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that rupees 25 crores has been earmarked therefor;

(c) if so, the target date fixed for completion of the work pertaining to man the unmanned level crossings; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) No Sir. The initial capital cost of manning of unmanned level crossings is to be borne by the State Govts. Railways bear the recurring cost. However, Railways decided in 1979 to bear full cost of manning of certain vulnerable level crossings. In persuance of this policy the Railways have provided Rs. 25 crores in the budget for 1994-95 for manning about 500 level crossings. These are targetted to be completed by 31-3-95.

(d) Railway-wise number of unmanned level crossings planned for manning are furnished below:—

Statement

Railway	No. of level crossings	Cost
Central . . .	67	3,35,00,000
Eastern . . .	7	35,00,000
Northern . .	89	4,45,00,000
North Eastern .	34	1,70,00,000
Northeast Frontier .	2	10,00,000
Southern . .	83	4,15,00,000
South Central . .	77	3,85,00,000
South Eastern . .	22	1,10,00,000
Western . .	119	5,95,00,000
	500	25,00,00,000

Circular Railway System in Madras

2413. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the circular railway system will be completed at Madras;

(b) why it was not completed within the prescribed period; and

(c) whether the State Government is not co-operating with the centre to complete this scheme on time?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) from Madras Beach to Park Town (2.50 Km.) has already been completed and opened to traffic. Work on the remaining length (6.05 Km.) is in progress and is scheduled for completion by 1996.

(b) Reasons for Delay:

(i) Non-availability of adequate funds.

(ii) Land not being handed over by the State Government of Tamil Nadu, due to Court cases.

(c) No, Sir.

Completion of Koraput and Damonjuri railway line

2414. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 20 Kms. from Koraput and Damonjuri of Koraput-Rayagada line has been completed;

(b) if so, the reasons why the remaining 144 Kms.. from Damonjuri to Rayagada has not been completed;

(c) the expected date of the completion of the construction of the entire line; and

(d) the details thereof?